

**PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST PETER MELTON MOWBRAY**

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**Nineteenth Sunday of the Year – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 3 of Psalter**

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Readers</u>
<b>Sat</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm	Convent	Fr Jacek's Intentions	J Dolan R Murray Dominic/Rumbi
<b>Sun</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	For God's blessing for the Platkiw family Maureen and Alex McLeish RIP	
<b>Mon</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	<b>NB</b> Convent	<b>ST LAWRENCE</b> McNeill families	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> Mrs Cardwell E Keogh & E Green
<b>Tues</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am (followed by refreshments) 10.45-12noon	St John's St John's	Fr Jacek's Intentions <b>NB</b> <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<b><u>Cleaners</u></b> Mrs Garrett & Mrs Pingue
<b>Weds</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00pm 8.00pm	<b>NB</b> Convent Convent House	Fr Jacek's Intentions Holy Hour	<b><u>Counters</u></b> This week C Next week D
<b>Thurs</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	St John's	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	
<b>Fri</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	<b>NB</b> Convent	<b>ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE</b> Fr Jacek's Intentions	
<b>Sat</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 9.30-12 noon 11.30am 5.15-5.45pm	St John's St John's St John's Convent	Fr Jacek's Intentions <b>NB</b> <i>No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Confessions Confessions followed by Rosary at 5.40pm	<b><u>Welcomers</u></b> Mrs Draper & Mrs Strange Sr Baptista & M Bryning

**Twentieth Sunday of the Year – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2009 (Year B Readings) Week 4 of Psalter**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**

	6.00pm	Convent	Fr Jacek's Intentions	<b><u>Readers</u></b> J Reed P Lee Gemma/Colette
<b>Sun</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am	St John's St Peter's	Mr Antonio Marraffino RIP Mr Antonio Rifugiato RIP	

**Difficult Word**

Today we have another strange reading from Paul (Eph 4:30-5:2). He warns the Ephesians not to "grieve the Holy Spirit of God" by bitterness, wrath, anger, wrangling, slander and malice. Instead they should be kind, tender-hearted and forgiving. That's fine.

But then he describes Christ's giving himself up for us, i.e., surrendering to death, as a "fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." I find it difficult to grasp that Paul should consider the Spirit upset by human malice yet the Father pleased by his Son's death in facing up to that malice. Why does malice aggrieve the Holy Spirit if not because of the damage it does to both victim and perpetrator? Why then does the suffering it inflicts on God's Son not aggrieve that Spirit too? At least, if it does, Paul doesn't say so.

Reading Paul one way gives the impression that the Father was pleased with both the suffering and the love that enabled Jesus to face his suffering and death. Reading him another way gives the impression, intended or not, that the Father wanted his Son to suffer on our behalf – hence the fragrance of the sacrifice. However, this seriously compromises God's compassionate nature as revealed in the parable of the prodigal son. Then reading Paul a third way gives the impression that the fragrance is in Paul's nostrils not the Father's. If true, this simplifies matters. It's Paul's view of Jesus' suffering and death, not God's

Scripture at times can be really difficult to understand, and the word of God it contains difficult to hear.

Fr Tom Cahill

**The Holy Father's Mission Intention for August:** that persecuted Christians may have their human rights, equality and religious freedom recognised.

**Cycle of Prayer:** during Ordinary Time until September we pray for these intentions: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers.

**Pray My Brothers and Sisters For:** John O'Donnell RIP, John Geady, Joan Mynett, Fr Brendan O'Sullivan, Fr David Everitt, seriously sick, Mrs Dickinson, Christine Walsh's daughter Susan, David Stimpson, Teresa Tierney, Jackie Price and for all the sick & housebound of the parish.

**Parish Anniversaries:** 1999 Agnes Lane, Antonio Rifugiato; 2006 Sr Eileen Cabey, Harry Wilson, Antonio Marraffino; 2007 Lisa McCann. And all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Collection:** Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009: Loose £130.35; Envelopes £490.10; Standing Orders £325

**Second Collection for Franciscan Missions:** £49.97

Thank you for your generosity.

### **THIS WEEK**

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 3.45pm Kumon in the Parish Centre  
Weds 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Weight Watchers in Parish Centre  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Slimming World in Parish Centre  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 9.45am Kumon in the Parish Centre

### **From Fr Jacek**

I will be celebrating my name day next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm at the Polish Club and everyone is very welcome to come. Please bring a shared plate and I will provide Polish cakes for you to try.

### **Jesus Youth presents "Rexband" Sunrise Tour**

Please see poster for details of a concert at the Peepul Centre, Orchardson Avenue, Leicester on 21<sup>st</sup> August.

### **Diocesan Living Ministry Course – Starts Sept 2009**

The course is for all adults interested in exploring their faith and also for those involved in areas of ministry such as teachers, catechists, Eucharistic ministers, parish pastoral councils, youth workers etc. It will provide an opportunity to explore and reflect on questions of faith and belief. The course will be offered from two venues: The Diocesan Centre, Mackworth, Derby and The Old St Peter and Paul Presbytery, Lincoln. If interested please contact the presbytery for details and application form.

### **The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Led by H.E Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. "Celebrating the truly universal character of the Church in England." Please see poster for more details.

### **Fatima Pilgrimage – 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

Please see poster in porch for details of this pilgrimage.

### **Calling All Golfers- Your help is required**

**SVP National Golf day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September at the magnificent Kilworth Springs Golf Course Nr Lutterworth, Leicestershire.**

All proceeds go to support the St Vincent de Paul Society and Conferences in helping the vulnerable and disadvantaged. More and more individuals and families in need are turning to the SVP Conferences nationwide for help during this current recession and all funds and donations raised at the golf day will go towards helping the poor. **Non golfers who wish to join us for dinner are also welcome and can join in the Tombola and Auctions during the evening. Booking forms and more information contact:** Richard Hanna: email [richardhanna1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:richardhanna1@hotmail.co.uk) (mob: 07938519203) or Terry Joyce: email [teljoy1@aol.com](mailto:teljoy1@aol.com).

### **The Way of Confidence and Love**

To prepare for the visit of the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, this will take place at St Patrick's Church Hall, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, led by Fr Vincent O'Hara.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends**

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is for couples who have happy marriages and gives them time to look at their relationship. It's an **enrichment** experience. The next Weekend will be at the IBIS Hotel, Chesterfield, from Friday evening 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday afternoon 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please see the website for more information, [www.wvme.org.uk](http://www.wvme.org.uk)

### **Holistic Care Towards the End of Life**

Leicester SPUC and LIFE groups are organising this half day conference on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 1.45-4.30pm at St Thomas More's Church, Knighton Road, Stonegate, Leicester. No admission charge but places limited so booking recommended. See poster in porch.

### **Relics of St Therese visit England & Wales**

As has been announced previously, the relics of St Therese will be in England between the 16<sup>th</sup> September and 15<sup>th</sup> October, including Nottingham Cathedral from 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> October. Further details later. Useful websites:

[www.catholicrelics.co.uk](http://www.catholicrelics.co.uk) and

[www.thereseoflisieux.co.org](http://www.thereseoflisieux.co.org)

Relics are simply remains of the body such as bones, which still exist. Veneration of relics is an old Catholic devotion. It's very like the notion of visiting the grave of a loved one and praying there. Please remember to pray for many blessings on the occasion of this visit.

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays**

One of the watchers has left the parish so we are in need of somebody to watch from 10.45-11.15am, praying before the Blessed Sacrament. One need not say much to pray well. We know that Jesus is there in the tabernacle, let us open our hearts to him and let us rejoice in his presence with us. That is the best prayer. Please contact the presbytery if you are able to help.

### **Parish Safeguarding Representative**

Mrs Colette Burns is our new representative, we wish her all the best and we thank Mrs Debbie Burke for all the work she has done over the past few years.

### **Mass Intentions**

If you would like Fr Jacek to offer Mass for your Intentions please let him know and he will offer Mass for you while he is here. Thanks.